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photo by Airman 1st Class Theresa M. Ide

Happy Holidays!

The Jewish community lit the base Menorah outside the Chapel Dec. 3 to begin the celebration of Hanukkah. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Sandi lights the fifth light of the eight-day celebration Dec 7. See related article, page 3.

Y2K is only 22 days away ... **Hanscom is ready**

by **Kevin Gilmartin**
ESC Public Affairs

After more than two years of preparation, officials at Hanscom believe they are ready for Jan. 1, 2000 and any computer-driven "Y2K" problems that may arise out of the change to a new millennium.

"We've investigated over 115,000 items, including computers, telecommunication systems, heaters, security systems, power facilities, water facilities and medical facilities for Y2K problems," said 1st Lt. Max McFarland, Year 2000 Infrastructure Program manager.

"Our investigations included identifying every item with a microprocessor, contacting the manufacturer to determine compliance and testing all mission-critical items or anything that might be life-threatening," said McFarland.

The investigation showed that far fewer microprocessors than originally thought were imbedded with potential Y2K-related problems, according to McFarland. Anything identified as non-compliant was corrected, including the base's boiler plant software and energy conservation system hardware.

"We've worked with all the utility companies that provide service to Hanscom to ensure they can provide uninterrupted service," said Col. Chris T. Anzalone, 66th Air Base Wing commander. "We're now quite confident that service will not be disrupted. We have also worked with banks to ensure our ATM machines will work."

That doesn't mean base officials are overconfident, however.

"We have contingency plans in place, including back-up power generation plans for critical facilities," Anzalone said. "We have exercised our plans several times, and have worked

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New software gives DoD firefighters improved physical fitness evaluations

by **Staff Sgt. Beverly Isik**
Standard Systems Group

Maxwell, AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala. — Computer specialists from Standard Systems Group developed and are conducting operational testing of a new software program to help make sure more than 21,000 Department of Defense firefighters achieve and maintain top physical condition.

Firefighter 1.0, developed by an SSG trio in less than three months, is similar to the Air Force's current Fitness Assessment Software that's used for the annual ergometry test.

The SSG Quality Testing and Evaluation

team began operational testing of the new system at Maxwell AFB and Gunter Annex, Ala., Nov. 10. The team has also installed the software at Tyndall and Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, Fla., Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., and Fort Rucker, Ala.

"It's just like the bike test given in the Health and Wellness Center," explained Project Manager Fred Hoff. "But at the end of the test, the firefighter gets a 16-week exercise prescription."

Firefighters will also take a weightlifting test for strength evaluation that includes the bench press, leg press and arm curl. The system records the score, then provides a weightlifting exercise prescription to help

increase his or her strength.

"This portion of the program is purely a training and strengthening tool and not used as a pass or fail measurement," Hoff said.

The software will help prepare firefighters at 619 DoD fire departments for a new kind of annual occupational assessment, according to Maxwell Fire Dept. Assistant Training Manager Master Sgt. Michael Walker.

"Until now, our annual occupational assessment only consisted of the ergometry test and a weightlifting test using the universal weight machine," he said.

With the implementation of the new software, the annual assessment will be

more physical, Walker said. Now firefighters will perform a series of 10 activities in full gear, including carrying a fire hose up and down a ladder to simulate carrying a large tool like a saw and dragging a 150-pound dummy, Walker explained.

"This new software and occupational assessment will give a much better look at each person's actual physical fitness," he said.

According to Staff Sgt. Dennis Romano, software program manager, the program gives each firefighter a prescription to get to a level where they can pass the occupational assessment and it tracks

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Straight Talk provides two-way communication between the 66th Air Base Wing commander and people on base.

A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

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Col. Chris T. Anzalone
66th Air Base Wing commander

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Question: I use a wheelchair, and I have attempted many times to get into the store at the base gas station, but I can't get in because there is a three-inch step at the curb. Also, they replaced a lot of the sidewalks on the base while putting new steam pipes underneath, and they didn't put curb cuts where they replaced the sidewalks. I know it should have been done, or it has to be done by a separate contract. Can you please take care of this?

Response: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Members of Hanscom's 66th Civil Engineer Squadron have inspected the base

Since the end of WWII, Americans have slowly lost contact with their Air Force so ...

Peters takes AF message to people

by Amy Schiess

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center
Public Affairs

Tinker AFB, Okla. — A large part of American society does not understand the role of the military in today's world, according to Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters, who spoke at Tinker AFB, Okla. Nov. 9 and 10. So, while he is on his journeys around the country he plans to tell them all about the value of the nation's Air Force.

"They see on CNN, from Southwest Asia, aircraft carriers where fighters are taking off - that very famous action shot. Other than that kind of image and what they see in 'Saving Private Ryan' or 'Top Gun,' most Americans really don't know what we do," Peters said.

Part of the reason behind this is that the majority of people under age 45 have never been in the military and have never had any close connection to the military, Peters said. "Because we have slimmed down, because we have fewer bases, because we have 40 percent fewer people in the Department of Defense today than we did 10 years ago, that kind of fundamental knowledge is not getting to America," he continued.

"We do ask the American society to spend a lot of money on the military every year and they ought to understand what they get for it, which is a lot of value for the dollar that they spend," he said.

Peters wants to dispel the notions of the forward-based Cold War force and focus on how the Air Force is evolving along with the military needs of the United States.

The most prominent change the force is making is its transi-

tion to an Expeditionary Aerospace Force. As part of the EAF, several units called Aerospace Expeditionary Forces will be on call to deploy on a regular rotation schedule for 90 days every 15 months.

"The intention of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force is to balance the workload across the Air Force," Peters said. "My hope is

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**Secretary of the Air Force
F. Whitten Peters**

that it will provide regularity, stability and predictability for everybody, even the civilian support."

Two key ingredients in the EAF recipe are the Guard and Reserve. Both have received several new taskings in an effort to further relieve the active duty. Peters said the result is better use rates out of the aircraft and a more efficient spread of workload, which will help decrease personnel tempo. "The Reserves have started doing functional check flights for us at all three depots. I think the Reserves will play more in the test community as well," Peters said.

"One of the things we're trying to do is look at those missions which can readily be done by part-time crews. Those are pri-

gas station and found that a significant amount of renovation would be required to make the facility comply with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards. The Americans with Disabilities Act contains provisions to make facilities fully accessible if and when a renovation project is undertaken. Since this is an AAFES facility, only AAFES can fund such a renovation, and we have brought this issue to their attention.

In the meantime, we discussed this issue with the gas station staff, and they pointed out that they have a "Honk If You Need Help" sign posted to alert them if one of their customers needs assistance. Please use this means of support until we can make the required renovations.

marily [Continental United States]-based missions which occur on fairly well-known schedules," he said. This approach can often benefit the Air Force in two ways at one time by checking the airplane's functions while allowing the pilot more flying time.

Peters said he expects to have approximately 10 to 15 percent Guard and Reserve manning for each EAF rotation. While this relieves operations tempo and personnel tempo of active duty, it also puts Guard members and Reservists on a more predictable schedule, which will be an advantage to their employers.

"The good news is we are getting more and more out of the Guard and Reserves and they are ready and willing to do it," Peters said. "We have got to make sure we don't alienate the employer pool because they could bring all of this to a halt. It's a fine balance."

Peters hopes that the changes the Air Force is making, along with the traditional Air Force benefits, will attract more recruits. Last year's recruiting goal was missed by approximately 1,700 people. The Air Force has the least amount of recruiters, about 800, of all the services on the streets. Air Force leaders plan to add up to 300 recruiters in the next 15 months and continue an aggressive television advertising campaign to improve recruiting production.

"One of the things I think the Air Force offers is a sense of camaraderie, a sense of public service, a lifestyle that people find very attractive," Peters said. "Nobody joins the military to get rich, but now with the pay and benefits, we think we offer a very competitive package."

Contracting recognizes its annual award winners

by **Tech. Sgt. Scott Lewis**
ESC Public Affairs

Electronic Systems Center's Contracting Directorate recognized its annual award winners as well as its nominees for competition at Air Force Materiel Command.

The winners competed at the center level for both individual and team awards which included all of the Center's geographically separated units.

Tom Wells, director of contracting, presented the awards during a town meeting held at the Officers' Club, Nov. 18.

Contracting's annual award winners are: Outstanding Procurement Contracting Officer, Military, Maj. Alfred Helm; Outstanding Procurement Contracting Officer, Civilian-Specialized, Dorothy S. Priest; Outstanding Procurement Contracting Officer, Civilian-Operational, Janice R. Book; Outstanding Procurement Contracting Officer, Civilian-Systems, Vinita J. Veneziano; Out-

standing Buyer Military-Specialized, Capt. John D. Taylor; Outstanding Buyer, Military-Operational, 2nd Lt. Gretchen R. Rhoads; Outstanding Buyer, Military-Systems, 2nd Lt. Jeffrey J. Donato; Outstanding Buyer, Civilian-Specialized, Dwyne C. Streeter; Outstanding Buyer, Civilian-Operational, Steve Pekuence; Outstanding Buyer, Civilian-Systems or Science and Technology, Mariah G. Houton; Outstanding Contracting Support, Angelita S. Fedukowski; Outstanding Analyst, Christine E. Baron; Outstanding Team, ESC Plans and Programs Contracting Information Technology Services Program; Outstanding Contracting Unit Operational, ESC Operational Contracting; Outstanding Contracting Unit, Specialized, 38th Logistics Squadron Contracting and special recognition goes to Tech. Sgt. Scot N. Merrihew.

The directorate also selected its nominees to compete at Air Force Materiel Command.

Contracting's nominees are: Outstanding

Contracting Unit, Operational, ESC Operational Contracting; Outstanding Contracting Unit, Systems, ESC Joint Stars Contracting; Outstanding Contracting Unit, Specialized, 38th Logistics Squadron Contracting; Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting, Supervisory, Rose M. Smith; Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting, Nonsupervisory, Teresa Harris; Outstanding Pricing, Elio D. Querze; Outstanding Contracting Officer, Military-Operational, 2nd Lt. Gretchen R. Rhoads; Outstanding Contracting Officer Military-Systems, 2nd Lt. Jeffrey J. Donato; Outstanding Contracting Officer, Military-Specialized, Capt. John D. Taylor; Outstanding Contracting Civilian, Operational-GS-10 and below, Cynthia E. Lewandowski; Outstanding Contracting Civilian, Operational-GS-11 and above, Janice R. Book; Outstanding Contracting Civilian, Specialized, Dorothy S. Priest; Outstanding Contracting Civilian, Systems, Vinita J.

Veneziano; Outstanding Contracting, Enlisted, Senior Airman Robert E. Wilson III; Outstanding Contracting Support, Angelita S. Fedukowski; Outstanding Contingency Contracting; Tech. Sgt. Scot N. Merrihew; Outstanding Base Level Quality Assurance Evaluator, Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Henry; Strategic Acquisition Reform, Information Technology Tools Acquisition Team, headquarters Standard Systems Group Contracting; Outstanding Team Contribution to Competition, ESC's Information Technology Services Program Team; Outstanding Unit Contribution to Competition, Materiel Systems Group Contracting; AFMC Outstanding Achievement in Contracting Information Technology, Global Combat Support System-Air Force Team, Standard Systems Group Contracting; AFMC Outstanding Business and Contract Clearance Award, Denise S. Baylor; AFMC Outstanding Contract Staff Award, Field Only, Kim A. Gossett.

Hanscom airman earns chance to SOAR

by **Senior Airman Jason J. Ide**
ESC Public Affairs

The Air Force takes a very active role in the education and training of its people, whether it's Career Development Courses, on-the-job training, or the Community College of the Air Force.

Education is a vital part of today's Air Force and one of Hanscom's own has earned a chance to take a big leap in her education and career.

Senior Airman Kathleen McCabe, Electronic Systems Center Executive Services, has been selected for SOAR, which is the Scholarship for Outstanding Airman into the ROTC program.

"The SOAR program is an effort to recognize junior airmen who have the characteristics that would make them successful as commissioned officers,"

said John R. Loughlin, Education Services officer.

The SOAR program pays for most of the airman's college tuition, incidental fees plus a textbook allowance. An additional \$150 monthly nontaxable allowance is also earned during the school year.

McCabe, a 22-year-old Orrington, Maine native, came into the Air Force Oct. 2, 1996 and after completing technical training school, for information management, she arrived at Hanscom Jan. 4, 1997.

Even though she hasn't been in the Air Force very long and this is her first duty station, McCabe knew early on what she wanted to do.

"I had known for quite some time that I wanted to become a commissioned officer. It was just a matter of when, where and how," said McCabe.

"I would ask people I had worked for in the past, as well as other airman and officers, but I seemed to not be getting to the core," said McCabe. "Fortunately, while taking classes at Western New England College, I met Maj. Richard Keating, who was my professor and is also the director of the Education Office on base."

Keating told McCabe about some of the ROTC programs, and encouraged her to talk to the ROTC scholarship representatives.

"It was with all the encouragement and guidance from my supervisors and the education office that I finally took the initiative [and applied]," said McCabe.

When McCabe was informed of her acceptance into the SOAR program she was caught a little off guard.

"I was on leave when my commander got the letter from Gen. [George T.] Babbitt," said McCabe, "I was called in by my supervisor, saying that he needed me to come into the office to talk about some things.

"I'd never been called in from leave,

so I was so scared! I was expecting the absolute worst ... like there was a war, or someone had been in an accident and really hurt. I never suspected it was going to be Col. [Steven H.] Sheldon (my commander) presenting me with the letter that said I was the primary candidate for the SOAR scholarship.

"It was a huge weight taken off my shoulders to know it was good news," said McCabe.

"I am excited to start a new adventure and see the Air Force from a different perspective," said McCabe, "I'm ready to open a new door and do something that is good for my future and the military."

To apply for the SOAR program, or any other scholarship program, people should go to the Education Center and receive a program outline, directions for applying and the forms needed.

Those eligible for such programs are enlisted members who meet the following requirements:

- ☐ Active-duty Air Force
- ☐ Be nominated by their commander or equivalent
- ☐ Have less than six years of service as of Oct. 15 of the year nominated
- ☐ Meet minimum cumulative grade point average for graded college course work (does not include DANTES, CLEP or CCAF)
- ☐ Be under age 27 as of June 30 of the calendar year of commissioning. Prior service waivers are given on a day-for-day basis
- ☐ Have qualifying Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores: verbal of 15, quantitative of 10

Also, volunteer efforts, honor guard memberships and organizational memberships are all taken into consideration, according to Loughlin.

For information about the SOAR program or any of the other programs available for higher education call the

History of the Festival of Lights explained

by **1st Lt. David L. Englin**
ESC Public Affairs

Today is the seventh day of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the Festival of Lights. Hanukkah is an eight-day holiday beginning at sundown on the 25th day of the Jewish month Kislev.

The story of Hanukkah begins in the reign of Alexander the Great. Alexander conquered Syria, Egypt and Palestine, but allowed the lands under his control to continue observing their own religions and to retain a certain degree of autonomy.

More than a century later, a successor of Alexander, Antiochus IV, was in control of the region. He began to oppress the Jews severely, placing a Hellenistic priest in the Jewish Temple, massacring Jews, prohibiting the practice of the Jewish religion and desecrating the Temple by requiring the sacrifice of pigs on the altar.

There were two groups that opposed Antiochus: a nationalistic group led by Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah Maccabee, and a religious traditionalist group known as the Chasidim. These groups joined forces in a revolt against Antiochus.

After defeating Antiochus and ending their oppression, the Jews immediately went to rededicate the Temple.

According to Jewish tradition, at the time of the rededication, there was very little oil left that had not been defiled by the Greeks. Oil was needed for the menorah, or candelabrum, in the Temple, which was supposed to burn throughout the night every night. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, yet miraculously, it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the menorah. The festival of Hanukkah was declared to celebrate this miracle.

Hanukkah is probably one of the best known Jewish holidays, not because of any great religious significance, but because of its proximity to Christmas.

American Jews celebrate Hanukkah by lighting eight-branched menorahs, eating foods cooked in oil and exchanging gifts. (article compiled from "Judaism 101" at <http://www.jewfaq.org/>)



photo by Senior Airman Jason J. Ide
Senior Airman Kathleen McCabe, Electronic Systems Center Executive Services, files a form away for safe keeping.

UK, ESC meets NATO commitment, upgrades AWACS

by **1st Lt. David L. Englin**
ESC Public Affairs

Three of the United Kingdom’s airborne early warning aircraft can now detect threats better thanks to an Electronic Systems Center program to help their radars see farther and more clearly.

Managed by the Airborne Warning and Control System program office, the cooperative effort to upgrade the performance and reliability of the United Kingdom’s fleet of E-3D Sentry AWACS aircraft is known as the Radar System Improvement Program, or RSIP.

Representatives of Electronic Systems Center’s AWACS program office will attend

a Royal Air Force Strike Command ceremony at RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire, Wednesday to mark the completion of RSIP upgrades to three of the United Kingdom’s seven-aircraft AWACS fleet.

“The completion of the third aircraft represents UK RSIP operational capability and means the United Kingdom can meet its commitment to have three RSIP-upgraded AWACS aircraft available to support NATO before Dec. 31,” said Col. Peter L. Misuinas, director of international programs for the AWACS program office.

“The goals of the RSIP program are to extend the range of AWACS detection and to improve the performance and reliability of AWACS radar systems,” said Misuinas.

“We’re working closely with our customers, the Royal Air Force and the Ministry of Defense, as well as Boeing, our prime contractor and system integrator, and Northrop Grumman, who supplies the radar hardware and software for the modification,” said Lt. Col. John Vanderwall, UK and French program manager for the AWACS program office.

“British Aerospace is also a key subcontractor – they are responsible for

actually installing the upgrades,” said Capt. Damon A. Swope, AWACS program office project engineer for UK AWACS programs.

“The more than \$100 million UK RSIP program consists of purchasing and installing various equipment and software upgrades,” said Swope. “RSIP modifications to the AWACS pulse doppler radar system improve its ability to detect small and slow-moving targets and increase its detection range and surveillance area, all without sacrificing the ability to track maritime targets.”

“RSIP modifications to the radar control displays onboard each aircraft also improve the way AWACS crews interface with the radar,” said Swope.

“Improved self-diagnostic systems on RSIP-equipped aircraft ensure radar reliability and reduce the amount of support equipment required for radar maintenance,” said Swope. “These result in improved maintenance capabilities, which can translate into faster turnaround times and better supportability.”

“We anticipate completion of the final aircraft on schedule in February 2001,” said Misuinas.

According to Misuinas, the UK AWACS RSIP program is part of a larger Electronic Systems Center effort to help upgrade the AWACS capabilities of NATO and the five nations that operate AWACS aircraft. In addition to the United States and the United Kingdom, France and Saudi Arabia

operate various versions of the E-3. Japan operates the newest AWACS aircraft type, the E-767.

NATO will celebrate the completion of RSIP upgrades to its fleet of 17 E-3A aircraft Dec. 10 during a ceremony at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany. Upgrades to the NATO fleet were completed on budget and six months ahead of schedule.

“There has always been a lot of cooperation among the international partners in the AWACS family,” said Misuinas. “We have formed an International Coordination Working Group to leverage the needs and interests of all AWACS-operating allies to improve capabilities and decrease costs.”

“RSIP and AWACS are part of ESC’s overall vision to put out the most modern, most capable command and control systems better, faster and cheaper,” said Col. Brad Butler, director of Electronic Systems Center’s AWACS program office. “In the long term, we envision AWACS remaining a critical C2ISR platform until at least 2035. To keep the AWACS viable will require ongoing modernization and sustainment efforts, which is where RSIP comes in.”

“ESC and the AWACS program office are committed to ensuring that warfighters never have to be without AWACS,” said Butler. “Airborne early warning gives the United States and its allies a critical information and command and control edge.”



E-3 Sentry aircraft

Winter can bring danger to pedestrians. Using caution, being aware of surroundings will prevent disaster and keep this season a ...

Winter Wonderland

by **Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Martone**
66th Civil Engineering Squadron

After a snow or ice storm, pedestrian traffic increases significantly. “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” can create potentially fatal pedestrian safety problems that are often ignored or overlooked by traffic safety experts. Snowdrifts can cover signs and landmarks, block corners, crosswalks and handicap access ramps. Walkways may not be cleared, forcing pedestrians to walk in the street.

The snow and ice can turn familiar territory into an alien landscape for pedestrians and motorists.

Everyone is a pedestrian, walkers, joggers and runners. But there are things you can do to be a smart pedestrian - especially during the winter months.

Before you take one step onto that slippery sidewalk, consider the following safety tips.

❑ If the sidewalks and walkways are impassable and you have to walk or run in the street, do it against traffic and as close to the curb as you can.

❑ Proper gear is a must, but wearing dark “winter” colors can make it hard for motorists to see you, especially if they aren’t expecting you.

Consider wearing a brightly-colored scarf or hat, or reflective gear, especially if you have to walk or run in the street. And don’t forget gloves, shoes or boots with nonslip soles.

❑ Snow that has accumulated into drifts can muffle the

sounds of approaching motor vehicles. Wearing hats and scarves that cover your ears can also distort or even eliminate these sounds. Keep warm, but make sure you can hear what’s going on around you.

❑ When traveling with babies or small children, make sure they are dressed in brightly colored or reflective clothing. If you have to push a stroller or walk in the street, the child should be in front of you and as close to the curb as possible.

❑ Because of road conditions, motorists may not be able to stop at traffic signals or slow down for pedestrians. Before you step off of the curb into the street, make sure that any approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop.

If you are an athlete consider an alternate to jogging or running outside in inclement weather.

The Sport and Fitness Center has numerous treadmills and other machines that can not only keep you safe, but add some variety to a workout.

Also, walking to and from parking lots and between buildings during the winter requires special attention to avoid slipping and falling. We often forget how dangerous slipping and falling can be. The National Safety Council estimates that occupational falls cause more than 1,500 deaths per year, along with approximately 300,000 injuries.

No matter how well the snow and ice is removed from streets and sidewalks, pedestrians will encounter some slippery surfaces when walking outdoors in the winter. Each year numerous people are injured from slips and falls. It’s important to be continually aware of the dangers

and to walk safely on ice and slippery surfaces.

❑ Plan ahead; give yourself sufficient time and plan your route.

❑ Wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow and ice: rubber and neoprene composite. Avoid plastic and leather soles.

❑ Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles; use the vehicle for support.

❑ Walk in designated walkways as much as possible. Taking shortcuts over snow piles and areas where snow and ice removal is not feasible can be hazardous. Look ahead when you walk; a sidewalk completely covered with ice may require travel along its grassy edge for traction.

When given no choice but to walk on ice, consider the following:

❑ Take short steps or shuffle for stability.

❑ Bend slightly, walk flat-footed with your center of gravity directly over the feet as much as possible.

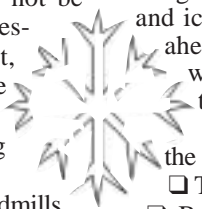
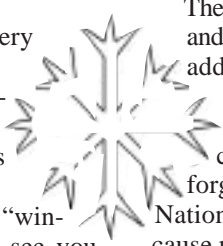
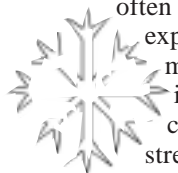
❑ Be prepared to fall.

❑ If you fall, fall with sequential contacts at your thigh, hip and shoulder to avoid using your arms to protect against breakage.

❑ Bend your back and head forward so you won’t slam your head on the pavement as your feet shoot out from under you.

Finally, when entering buildings, remove snow and water from footwear to prevent creating wet slippery conditions indoors.

A little common sense this winter will make it truly a winter wonderland.



Thinking, planning can prevent household disasters

by **Walter Chandler**
Base Fire Department

What disaster kills an average of 5,000 people, injures an additional 21,000 and costs approximately \$5 billion each year? Residential fires.

Some of the causes of these fires are wiring, extension cords, unattended cooking, children playing with matches and even clothes dryers. Lets go down the list and see what should be done to make sure a home is safe.

If you have an older home the wiring should be checked to see if the system can handle today's modern appliances.

Don't overload electrical circuits, some symptoms of this include dimming lights, blown fuses and slow operation of heating appliances. Don't use damaged or frayed cords. Don't run wiring under carpet or use unnecessary extension cords.

When working around the stove you should watch what is put on it. The temperature of an electrical coil or a gas flame reaches 800 degrees or more. Don't wear loose clothing (bathrobe, apron, etc.) Never leave the room while heating cooking oil or grease. Keep all pot handles on the stove pointing to the back of the stove so they are out of reach of children. Never pour water

on a grease fire, doing so can scatter the flame. Never pick up a pan that is on fire. Turn off the stove and cover the pan; if inside the oven, close the oven door and turn off the oven.

Always keep matches and cigarette lighters out of reach of children. Remember the strike zone, which is about chest high.

Many people don't think of a clothes dryer as being a fire hazard, but dryers produce a lot of heat. Clean the lint screen before and after each use. Vent the dryer to the outside and make sure the vent is kept clean. Never leave home with the dryer running.

Do you have smoke detectors? If not,

install one on each level of your home or apartment, especially outside the bedrooms. Keep your detector clean and test all detectors once a month. If you have battery operated detectors, change the batteries at least once a year.

Have a fire escape plan and practice it with your family. Every room should have two means of escape. Check all windows to make sure they are not painted shut. Decide on a meeting place for the family away from the house; never go back in once you are out. If you smell smoke or suspect a fire, get out and call the Fire Department from a neighbor's house.

Tips for keeping Holidays fire free

by **Tech. Sgt. Douglas C. True**
Base Fire Department

The Holidays are just around the corner and many of you will be shopping, driving to visit family and friends, opening gifts and cooking dinner for what seems like a hundred people.

Although we can not assure everyone a happy holiday we can provide information to make one and all a little safer.

When unwrapping your gifts try to keep the torn papers in a trash bag or box. Wrappings left strewn all over the room could easily become a tripping hazard and, if you have a fireplace, a potential fire hazard.

When looking for that special tree to put in the corner of your room keep in mind that a tree can be dan-

gerous when it dries out. Make sure the tree you are buying is fresh. Pull on a branch. If the needles come off easily find a fresher tree. Keep your new tree fresh by keeping it well watered. When setting up a tree cut the first 1 to 2 inches off the bottom before placing it in the tree stand. Fill the stand with water daily. Turning tree lights off when you are not with the tree will also help preserve the freshness of your tree.

Decorations on the tree and near candles need to be non-combustible.

Candles and menorahs should be kept away from curtains and other combustible items. Fire under all situations, should be treated with respect and a certain amount of caution. Never leave any open flame without supervision especially when children or pets are in the area.

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AF offers free graduate education

by Capt. Cynthia A. Harris
Air Force Institute of Technology

Did you know the Air Force would send you to graduate school full time as your regular job and pay for it?

The Air Force Institute of Technology, located at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is currently accepting applications for its in-residence Graduate School of Engineering and Management.

AFIT offers the masters of science degree in the following areas:

- ☐ Acquisition Management
- ☐ Aeronautical Engineering*
- ☐ Applied Mathematics*
- ☐ Applied Physics*
- ☐ Astronautical Computer Engineering*
- ☐ Engineering*
- ☐ Engineering Physics*
- ☐ Information Resource Management
- ☐ Logistics Management
- ☐ Materials Science and Engineering*
- ☐ Meteorology
- ☐ Nuclear Engineering*
- ☐ Computer Systems*
- ☐ Operational Analysis
- ☐ Electrical Engineering*
- ☐ Operations Research*
- ☐ Electro-Optics*
- ☐ Systems Engineering*
- ☐ Engineering and Environmental
- ☐ Management Space Opera-

tions AFIT also offers doctorate degrees in the areas marked with an asterisk.

AFIT is open to military officers and Department of Defense civilians.

Academic requirements are: Admission to the master's programs requires a bachelors degree in an appropriate area, 3.00 undergraduate point average, as well as scores of 500 (verbal) and 600 (quantitative) on the Graduate Record Exam. Most of the management programs will also accept a 550 score on the Graduate Management Admissions Test in lieu of the GRE.

Admission to the doctorate programs requires a master of science degree in an appropriate area, 3.50 graduate GPA, and scores of 550 (verbal) and 650 (quantitative) on the GRE.

If you don't quite meet all these requirements, you should still apply for academic eligibility because cases are looked at individually.

To determine if you're academically eligible, call the AFIT admissions office at DSN 785-6234 or (937) 255-6234, or send e-mail to afit.counselors@afit.af.mil.

Contact the personnel assignment team for deadlines and other information as they relate to Air Force Specialty Codes.

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AF open doors to prior-service

Portsmouth, N.H. – The Air Force hopes to attract former airmen, seamen, marines and soldiers to return to active duty in fiscal 2000 through the enlisted prior-service skills program.

This program complements the annual non-prior service accessions program. It allows the Air Force to immediately fill noncommissioned officer shortages in certain specialties through the accession of individuals with previous military experience.

The program offers retraining opportunities for some prior-service airmen.

Sister-service members who successfully complete the physical abilities and stamina test are

eligible to enter training as combat controllers, pararescuers, and security forces.

The basic criteria for former Air Force or other service enlisted members to re-enter the active force are:

- ❑ Served no more than 12 years of active service
- ❑ Separated no more than four years from the time of re-entering active duty
- ❑ Grade of E-4 senior airman through E-6
- ❑ Did not receive a monetary incentive such as the voluntary separation incentive or the selective separation bonus upon separation from active duty

Additionally, Reserve and Guard members are also eligible

to participate.

Eligible participants will not be required to retrain. They will continue to maintain the job specialties they held as a member of the Guard or Reserves.

During the early to mid-1980s, the enlisted prior-service program involved up to 3,000 people annually. It has been used sparingly most of this decade primarily because of overall force reductions.

For information about qualifying Air Force specialties, contact your local Air Force recruiter, call the Air Force Opportunities Center at 1-800-423-USAF, or visit www.airforce.com.

(Article courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service.)

Scholarships offered to youths

The Youth Center and the Boys and Girl's Club of America are sponsoring more than \$100,000 in scholarships that will be awarded to 25 teens who are taking action in their communities and beyond.

Teens must be 12 to 18 years old as of June 1, 2000, not yet in college and be a legal resident of the United States.

Application forms and essay requirements (500 words describing leadership achievements) are available at the Youth Center.

Five first-prize winners each will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship and a trip to New York City. Ten second-prize winners will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. Ten runners-ups will receive \$250 for college expenses.

Application deadline is today. For information call the Youth Center at 3-3739.

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Chaplain sees deployment as opportunity

by **Airman 1st Class Theresa M. Ide**
ESC Public Affairs

What would you do if you only had a week’s notice before deploying?

Chaplain (Capt.) Dennis Saucier took leaving for Incirlik AB, Turkey to support Operation Northern Watch as an opportunity.

With 1,700 troops living in a “tent city” and hostile forces a rock throw away, Saucier lead worship services, made unit and flightline visits, counseled on an array of issues and participated in humanitarian efforts for local orphanages.

Experiencing “a different side of the Air Force” was one of the most interesting aspects of this deployment, explained Saucier.

This operation encompassed foreign militaries to include Britain and Turkey, representation from each of the sister services and a variety of warfighting aircraft and equipment in a combat environment ... all of which Incirlik AB doesn’t have on its own, and something a Hansconian rarely sees at home, said Saucier.

Despite the fact that many personnel were separated from their families, Saucier said that the group bonded and compensated for the temporary separation.

Living close to enemy grounds also weighed on people’s thoughts, said Saucier.

“You did live with the uncertainty that Iraq was not that far away,” he said.

But through the programs set up by the chaplains and Incirlik’s Services squadron, everything from sports, tours and even a singles’ coffee shop were

made available to help keep morale at its peek.

Saucier was able to tour several holy sites and visit local areas.

“It was interesting to see how different cultures try to understand each other,” said Saucier.

Overall he said the Turkish people were great hosts to the visiting and permanent party military members.

Saucier stressed that going on deployment or going on any overseas assignment should be taken as an adventure and welcomed.

“Deployments are opportunities to grow professionally in our careers and skills,” said Saucier. “You begin to understand what kind of person you are and what kind of person you would like to be.”



Chaplain (Capt.) Dennis Saucier

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Spotlight on Services

What's Happening

Hanscom Lanes

Enjoy Family Bowling, every Saturday for \$7 per lane from 3 to 5 p.m. or 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Sign up for the King and Queen of the Hill tournament starting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. Registration can be made in person or by calling the Bowling Center at 377-2237.

Patriot Golf Course

Year 2000 Annual Green Fee Cards will go on sale Dec. 16 at the clubhouse. Advance purchase entitles user to a special reduced rate and free golf at most Air Force golf courses while on official TDY status. Show the Enlisted or Officers' Club membership card and receive 10% discount on an annual Green Fee Card purchase. Also take 10% off any merchandise purchased during December in the Golf Shop. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Mondays.

Champagne Sunday brunch at the O'Club

Join us Dec. 26, for the monthly champagne brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Club member prices are adults \$9.95, kids ages six through 12 \$5, and kids under age five are free.

Daycare Openings for Preschoolers

The Child Development Center has depleted its waiting list for children ages three to five. Openings are available for the full-day and part-day care. Call 377-7166 for enrollment and eligibility information.

Youth Center News

Babysitting Class, Dec. 28 through 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Class is limited to 12 participants, so sign up early. Remember that "family fun Saturdays" from 1 to 3 p.m. are free. Family members can enjoy basketball, ping pong, board games and more. Teen Dart League for ages 13 and up is available. Sign up for singles and doubles. Youth Center Holiday Camp will be held Dec. 27 through 30 for ages 9 through 12. Camp will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily and includes breakfast and a snack. Camp is open to Youth Center members only. Call the Youth Center at 3-3739 for information on these and many more programs.

Fitness and Sports Center News

Over 30 basketball, martial arts classes, therapeutic massage, individual fitness assessments, 21 aerobic classes and more in a state of the art facility. Start the Millennium with a Fitness Challenge. This is open to all base personnel who have completed a fitness assessment by the staff during the past year. Just retest and if you achieve all your initial fitness goals, you will receive a Fitness Challenge Millennium t-shirt. Testing will begin Jan. 18. Appointments are available on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Second Annual Slim and Trim contest begins Jan. 10. Stop by or call at 377-3639 for information on keeping fit.

Services is ready with winter line-up

by J.C. Corcoran
Services Marketing

The stage is set for another great winter season for the Hanscom community and the facilities of the 66th Services Squadron are ready and waiting to help. Let's start with the traditional winter fun sport, skiing! Whether you've been skiing for years or are just taking up the sport, Outdoor Recreation is the place to start.

We offer a full line of rental equipment at prices you can afford. Come in now and let's get you fitted for the season.

To save you money we offer rental packages that include skis, boots and poles, and if you're a real die hard skier then you'll want to get in on our "Frequent Skier" program and save even more. If you've got your own equipment and just need a little tune up, then we can help there as well. Our tune up package includes waxing, repairs to the base of skis and sharpening of edges. Now that you're set to go, don't forget to pick up those discount ski lift tickets and save even more. Remember, you're fun on the slopes begins at Outdoor Recreation!

If the snow and slopes are not your cup of tea, then how about a nice warm relaxing swim at the base swimming pool. It may be cold outside, but under our winterized bubble it's warm and cozy. The base pool offers a variety of activities for those who enjoy swim-

ming. We can write you out a swim workout that will break up the daily monotony of "just going for a swim." Like many of our services, this is free to the Hanscom community and available between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Just ask one of our team members.

Our upcoming schedule includes registration (Jan. 24 to 31) for swim lessons; a free, Freestyle clinic to be taught by one of our highly respected coaches from the North Shore Swim Club; a free water safety class (Jan. 21) that doesn't require a swim suit. It's

a class you don't want to miss. You'll get safety tips for you and your children to use when you're around the pool, a lake, the ocean or the neighborhood pond. Call the pool at 377-2455 for information on any of our aquatic programs.

Still wondering what's for you? Then visit any of our facilities to find out what's going on this winter season. Our Aero Club will be offering ground school and private pilot training; Tickets and Tours will offer you everything from ice shows to rodeos; our Fitness Center is ready to get you in shape, while our Auto Hobby Shop can help get that car working right! For the teens there are programs running almost every night at the Youth Center or if it's quiet you want, just curl up with a good book at the Base Library.

Come on! Get up and get out this winter season! We're ready, are you?



Hanscom presents the Education and Career Opportunities System

ECOS is a web based program designed to help students of all ages make informed decisions about college and career paths. Stop by the Youth Center (ages 18 and under), the Library, the Family Support Center or the Education and Training Center to see what you need to get started on your college education or a new career path!

Family Child Care wants



If you love working with children, please call 377-1280 for more information.

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Child Care Givers
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Contact: Human Resources
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Fax Resume to 781-377-7899

Hanscom Lanes presents "The Skins Game" Dec. 19, 1 p.m.



Registration
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Call 377-2237



Boston Pops Holiday Concert

Thursday

Worcester Centrum

Sesame Street Live

"Elmo's Coloring Book"

Dec. 19

Worcester Centrum

"The Buddy Holly Story"

Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

Shubert Theatre

\$63 each

"Toy Story On Ice"

Dec. 26, 4:30 p.m.

Fleet Center

New Year's in Montreal

Dec. 30 to Jan. 1

\$379 pp/dbl

"Footloose"

Jan. 2, 2 p.m.

Colonial Theatre

\$66 each

"Professional Bull Riders"

Jan. 8

"Grease On Ice"

Jan. 12

Worcester Centrum

"Sunset Blvd"

Jan. 16, 2 p.m.

Wang Center

"Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat"

Jan. 16, 1 p.m.

Colonial Theatre

Taj Mahal Casino & Resort

Jan. 23-25

Visit us for 2000 Entertainment Books, Disney tickets, movie and museum passes, post cards, gift items, calling cards and more! Shop now for that special someone on your holiday list, or for yourself!



Start the new year with a chance to do something new and exciting! Call the Aero Club at 377-5160 for the latest information on how YOU can "earn your wings" and fly!

FAA and VA approved Private Pilot, Instrument Pilot and Commercial Pilot Courses.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming and Weeklies

White House Ornament

The 1999 White House Ornament is being offered to anyone interested in purchasing this beautiful and unique gift.

This year's ornament commemorates the presidency of Abraham Lincoln.

Each ornament is \$15 and will be available for sale at Officers' Wives Club functions and at the gift wrap table outside the Base Exchange.

For information contact Debbie Chapa at 274-9632 or Mary Ann Echols at 274-0064.

Holiday gift wrapping

Tired of wrapping all those holiday gifts? The Officers' Wives' Club and the BASE EXCHANGE will be offering a Holiday Gift Wrap service at the BASE EXCHANGE until Dec. 23.

The hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.to 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All donations will benefit the Officers' Wives' Club enabling them to support our community. To volunteer contact Stacey Turner at 274-0353.

Aerospace Air Force Spouse Scholarships

The Aerospace Education Foundation is offering 30, \$1,000 Scholarships, made possible through contributions from Air Force Association members and chapters. These

scholarships are open to Spouses of Active Duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve members. Spouses, who are Air Force members themselves, are not eligible.

Applications are available at the Base Education Center. The deadline for submission is Monday. For further information, call: Jeanne Richter at 3-2022.

American Red Cross volunteers

The following volunteer opportunities are currently being offered at the American Red Cross, Newton Office:

- ☐ Office Volunteers
- ☐ Community Representatives
- ☐ CPR and First Aid Instructors

Volunteering for the American Red Cross provides you with an invaluable life experience and a sense of fulfillment only achieved by helping others. Begin making a difference today by contacting your local American Red Cross.

For information call Teah Bayless, Program Manager, at (617) 527-6000.

Commissary special holiday orders

Anyone interested in placing special orders (turkeys, fruit baskets, case orders, etc.) for the holidays should do the following:

Customers wishing to place orders by phone should call the I.D. desk between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 3-2544.

If customers choose to come into the store, they should complete a Special Order Request Form available at the I.D. desk.

Give the appropriate department at least 72 hours notice.

If the order is for dry groceries, customers should speak to the I.D. checker.

If the order is for produce, customers should speak to Produce Manager Al Delorme.

If the order is for meat, customer should speak to Meat Manager Bob Medeiros.

Volunteer needed

One of Family Services' most popular services is the Stripes program.

This all-volunteer initiative helps E-1s through

E-5s (and the initial pin-on of E-6) by sewing rank and patches on uniforms for free.

This program saves airmen about \$2.50 per item sewn, and resulted in a savings for Hanscom airmen of \$2,190 last year.

Volunteer sewers are needed to keep this program alive. Volunteers sew about one half to two hours each week, depending upon the number of uniforms received.

To support this program or for information, call 3-3436 or 3-4222.

Sign language volunteers

There are several hearing impaired employees at Hanscom who are in need of interpretive services.

Volunteers who are familiar with sign language are asked to help these employees at meetings, conferences and official functions.

Even a short amount of time can make a significant difference to the hearing impaired on the base. Experience with American sign language, signed English and finger spelling would be helpful.

For information, call Laurie Cunningham at 3-4054 or Andrew Hodyke at 3-8473.

Leaders Encouraging Airman Development Program

Leaders Encouraging Airman Development Program delegates authority to unit and wing commanders to nominate highly qualified airmen to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School with the intention of an academy appointment to follow. Commanders have the opportunity to identify outstanding and deserving airmen with officer potential for this commissioning program. Fifty slots are reserved at the Prep School for airmen who meet entry criteria. Applications must reach the Air Force academy admissions office no later than Jan. 31.

The airman must be a U.S. citizen or be able to obtain citizenship before entry into the academy the following year, be unmarried and have no dependents, must not have passed their twenty second birthday by July 1 of the entry year, and be of high moral character. Interested individuals should schedule an appointment with an education counselor to determine eligibility.

Education Services may be reached at 3-3120.

Patriot Dining Facility

The weekday hours of the facility are as follows: Breakfast — 6 to 8 a.m. Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Dinner — 4 to 6 p.m. Weekend and holiday hours: Brunch — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supper — 4 to 6 p.m.
Friday <i>Lunch:</i> fried fish, breaded pork steaks <i>Dinner:</i> vegetarian pizza, chicken cordon bleu	Tuesday <i>Lunch:</i> sloppy joes, broccoli spud casserole <i>Dinner:</i> grilled ham steaks, lemon turkey pasta
Saturday <i>Brunch:</i> chili macaroni, chicken lo mien <i>Supper:</i> burritos, savory baked chicken	Wednesday <i>Lunch:</i> beef lasagna, turkey cutlet <i>Dinner:</i> sweet and sour chicken, Rueben sandwich
Sunday <i>Brunch:</i> tuna melt sandwich, roast pork loin <i>Supper:</i> turkey ala king, veal steaks	Thursday <i>Lunch:</i> tomato meatloaf, grilled mustardy chicken <i>Dinner:</i> Swedish meatballs, turkey curry
Monday <i>Lunch:</i> chicken Kiev, hamburger	

Items listed with an "" are "Check It Out" healthy items. For information on the facility or the menu call Staff Sgt. Shane Meeks at 3-2189. NOTE: Menu items are subject to change.*

Hanscom School Menu

Monday Baked chicken nuggets, sweet-potatos, fruit, cookie	Tuesday French toast stix, maple syrup, sausage links, hash brown patty, fruit	Thursday Cheeseburgers, potato puffs, fruit, cookie	Friday Cheese pizza or fish patty on a roll, corn, fruit cup, cake
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Friday 7:30 p.m. -- BLUE STREAK - All jewel thief Miles Logan wants to do is get his diamond back and then disappear for a while. But when he poses as one of the men in blue to retrieve his loot, he gets a rep as one of the boldest, baddest, funniest cops to ever flash an L.A.P.D. badge. If he isn't careful, he may get just what he deserves... a promotion. **PG-13** (action violence, continuous language and some crude humor) **93 min** Starring: **Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson**

Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- RANDOM HEARTS - When an airplane carrying Dutch's wife Peyton and Kay's husband Cullen crashes into the Chesapeake Bay, leaving no survivors, it marks just the beginning of a mystery that will not only lead Dutch and Kay to disturbing and shocking information about their spouses, but bring these strangers together in an unlikely romance. **R** (brief violence, sexuality and language) **129 min** Starring: **Harrison Ford, Kristin Scott Thomas**

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.



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HYT extension continues

The New fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2001 High Year of Tenure Extension Program is continuing.

All Air Force Specialties are eligible with certain grade restrictions in each of those specialties.

To see if you are eligible to apply for this retention program, call 3-3062 or 3-4979 or stop by the Military Personnel Flight Retirements and Separations office for an application.

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Happenings

Employment

❑ **Transitioning from a military to a civilian career class** will be held at the Family Support Center on Monday through Dec. 17.

This workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition. Plan to attend at least 6 months prior to separation or retirement. Civilian clothing is suggested. Spouses are welcome.

This class begins at 12:30 p.m. Monday and ends at 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Tuesday through Thursday class hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parenting

❑ **In step class** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Welcome to our new peer support and education group for stepparents.

Bring your lunch and share your opinions and experiences.

Fitness enhancement

❑ **Healthy Living Class:** “Fitness for Life” will be held at the HAWC Dec. 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Defines physical fitness; covers how to evaluate the intensity of your exercise for maximum benefit, and methods to reduce risk of exercise related injuries. Call 3-6560 to register.

❑ **“Quick and Easy Low Fat Cooking”** (video - 14 minutes) will be held at the HAWC Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Just in time for the holidays. Learn simple ways to cut calories by cutting the fat. This video answers common questions of the whats, whys and hows of low-fat eating. Define types of fat, ways to select low-fat foods and ways to prepare low-fat meals. Includes simple and scrumptious low-fat recipes. Diet therapist will be on hand to answer questions after the video. Registration not necessary.

❑ **Zyban-Tobacco Cessation class** will be held at the Hanscom clinic Dec 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-register for screening and education for prescription of

this non-nicotine, tobacco cessation medication. For reservations call 3-6560.

For questions concerning the medication contact Colleen Miller at the Nurses Station at 3-5007.

❑ **Cholesterol screening** will be held at the HAWC Dec. 17 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Call 3-6560 for an appointment time.

Registration is required.

Work and life

❑ **Inbound relocation seminar** will be held at the Family Support Center today, 9 to 10 a.m. Welcome new Team Hanscom members. Receive your official introduction to Hanscom’s settling in services for new arrivals: local community information, spouse employment, volunteer opportunities, home-finding and budgeting.

❑ **Veterans’ benefits counseling** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday at 3 to 4 p.m. One-on-one counseling is provided to transitioning service members to answer questions about veterans’ benefits.

Officers’ Wives’ Club

❑ The Officers’ Wives’ Club invites those eligible officers’ spouses to become members.

This club hosts a monthly meeting for social and service purposes. In addition, numerous activity groups are offered to members such as bridge, bowling, bunco, mah-jong and book and garden clubs.

Consider a membership in this club and experience the many benefits it has to offer.

For membership information call Kendra Ellmyer at 274-7489. For activities information call Lisa O’ Neill at (978) 244-0448.

Have you run out of ideas for your Holiday decorating?

Come see how others have decorated their base housing. The December function of the Officers’

Wives’ Club will be a Parade of Homes Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The day will begin at the Community Center at 10 a.m. where you will buy tickets and receive directions. The hostesses, including Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, Electronic Systems Center commander, will hold open house from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone will then return to the Community Center for refreshments and door prizes.

Tickets cost \$5 with the money being donated to a local women's shelter. Come and "get into the spirit."

For information call Grace Ann Wade at 274-9003. For reservations call Pam Burwell at 274-0559.



Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

❑ **For information** on Chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

Chapel Events

The Catholic, Protestant and Band of Liberty voices invite you to the first Festival of Carols

You will not want to miss this 90 minutes of hearing and singing carols Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Base Chapel. The festival will include pieces presented by the Band of Liberty, the Gospel Choir, the Bell Choir, the Catholic Folk Choir and Ensemble, both the 9 a.m. Cherub and the 12:30 p.m. Children’s Choir, and the 9 a.m. Choir.

Bring family and friends, enjoy the carols where you will get to sing along also, and visit others while feasting on seasonal food in the Chapel annex after the program.

Contact Chaplain Gary Smith at 3-3538 with questions.

Protestant special services for December

❑ Sunday, Children's Sunday School Christmas Party at 10:45 a.m. in the Middle School Sunday School classrooms

❑ Dec. 24, Protestant Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

❑ Dec. 31, Protestant New Year's Eve Watchnight Service and Breakfast at 11 p.m.

Catholic special services for December

❑ Dec. 24 Catholic Christmas Eve Services at 5 p.m. (includes Children’s Play) at 11:30 p.m. (Midnight Mass)

❑ Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass 11 a.m.

❑ Dec. 31, Catholic New Year’s Eve Mass at 5 p.m.

❑ Jan. 1, Catholic Mass at noon

All of the above Services are in addition to the regularly

People’s Corner

Air Force Research Lab

Congratulations to **Senior Airman Harry Keiber** who was recently promoted to staff sergeant.

Happy Birthday to **Senior Airman Darrell Mitchell**.

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Congratulations to **Capt. Rich Contreras** and **Melissa Contreras** on the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Marie Contreras**.

Comptroller

Happy Birthday to **Senior Airman Bonny Alexander**.

Farewell to **Senior Airman Elena Flores**.

Welcome to **Master Sgt. Michael Royce**, **Senior Airman**

Natalie Tabois, Senior Airman Ricardo Phillips and **Airman Basic Sabrina Goodwin**.

Contracting

Congratulations to the following 4th Quarter Award winners: Outstanding Buyer, Military-Systems, **Maj. Michael A. Ferris**; Outstanding Buyer, Military-Operational or Specialized, **1st Lt. Katie L. Weimer**; Outstanding PCO, Civilian-Operational or Specialized, **Edna C. Alonis**; Outstanding PCO, Civilian-Systems, **Kathleen Munroe**; Outstanding Buyer, Civilian-Operational or Specialized, **Cynthia E. Lewandowski**; Outstanding Buyer, Civilian-Systems, **Mariah G. Houton**; Outstanding Con-

tracting Support, **Carol J. Oulton**; Outstanding Analyst, **Donna M. Beaudoin**; Outstanding Team Contribution, **ESC/PKO's Poleaway Team**; Outstanding Contracting Unit, Operational or Specialized, **ESC/PKO**; Outstanding Contracting Unit, **Systems**; Lot VII Business Team, **ESC/JSK**; Special Recognition, ESC/PKX's Pre-UCI Team consisting of **Ed Berg, Mike Przystac, Dave Mackie, Bonnie Murray, Maj Brian Johnson**.

Public Affairs

Congratulations to **Senior Airman Jason Ide** and **Airman 1st Class Theresa Ide** on their recent marriage.

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closely with the Air Force to ensure we can take care of our people and continue to meet our mission.”

Part of that mission is ensuring that base employees and contractors are paid on schedule. Anzalone said he is confident that there will be no problems meeting pay schedules.

“From a base readiness and response perspective, we have interfaced closely with local area towns and neighbors including the Minuteman National Historic Park,” said Col. Paul Maryeski, Electronic Systems Center Inspector General. “During our most recent readiness exercise we

simulated a mass casualty situation Jan. 1, 2000. Emergency medical assistance and communication procedures were tested successfully with local-area authorities. We will continue working closely with local area communities and neighbors right through the rollover period.”



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Firefighter (from page 1)

their progression throughout.

Firefighters at the test sites welcomed the change, according to Romano. “The fire chiefs were excited to finally have an accurate tool to assess their troops,” he said. “And most of the firefighters I spoke with thought the prescription would help them achieve a higher level of fitness.”

“Another feature of Firefighter 1.0 is the

ability to automatically send each person’s assessment information to a database at Tyn-dall,” Romano said. “We send the data to Tyn-dall where it’s merged into a worldwide data-base that collects and stores this information at the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, so they can get a global picture of the fitness of our firefighters.”

Romano believes the new program was

necessary and will help produce more physi-cally fit firefighters. “The bottom line is, if a firefighter doesn’t do well on the new occu-pational assessment, don’t send him into my house to save my daughter,” he said.

Firefighters worldwide can expect to see the new software by mid-December.

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